

MINUTES  
REGULAR PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING  
COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT of La GRANGE PARK  
1501 BARNSDALE ROAD, La GRANGE PARK, ILLINOIS  
April 14, 2025 - 6:30 PM

1. PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:30pm, President Corte called the hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners to sell not to exceed \$1,250,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving, and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto. Present were Commissioners Ogden, Sauer, Stastny and Zuck. Additionally present were Executive Director Jessica Cannaday, Superintendent of Recreation Juan Montes, Financial Advisor Nicole Giddens, and Special Events and Marketing Assistant Laura Raimondi as recorder.

No one was present to provide testimony regarding the issuance of \$1,250,000 GO Bonds.

Having provided the opportunity for all persons desiring to be heard through written or oral testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the bonds, Commissioner Ogden made a motion to adjourn the hearing at 6:31pm, seconded by Commissioner Stastny. President Corte asked for a roll call, and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioners voting aye: Ogden, Stastny, Zuck, Sauer, and Corte.

2. Call to Order & Roll Call:

President Corte called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Present were Commissioners Ogden, Sauer, Stastny and Zuck. Additionally present were Executive Director Jessica Cannaday, Superintendent of Recreation Juan Montes, Financial Advisor Nicole Giddens, and Special Events and Marketing Assistant Laura Raimondi as recorder.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Park District Mission: The Community Park District of La Grange Park supports a healthy and inclusive community by positively impacting physical, social, emotional, and environmental well-being.

5. Open Forum

No one present.

6. Approval of the April 14, 2025 Agenda

Commissioner Zuck made a motion to approve the April 14, 2025 Agenda seconded by Commissioner Stastny. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

16. Potential Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

17. Next Regular Meeting: Monday, June 9, 2025 at 6:30pm

18. Adjournment Announce the time and ask for a motion and a second to adjourn.

7. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

a. March 10, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve the March 10, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

b. March 10, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Zuck made a motion to approve the March 10, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes seconded by Commissioner Stastny. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

8. Communications/Proclamations/Presentations

President Corte provided information regarding the upcoming the Village's La Grange Road Traffic Safety Input Meeting and encouraged residents to attend and provide their feedback.

9. Staff Recognition

The newest member to the park district team, Superintendent of Recreation Juan Montes, was introduced to the board.

10. Staff Reports

a. Executive Report

Executive Director Jessica Cannaday presented her report. Tree work has been completed at Meadowcrest and provided an update on Yena Park. Questions were asked and answered. She stated that the Recreation Center Expansion Project should be up for review at the May PCZ meeting. President Corte requested that she forward the information to the board when she has it.

b. Recreation Report

i. Superintendent of Recreation

Superintendent Montes updated the board on his onboarding progress.

ii. Recreation Manager

Recreation Manager Michele Ritacco's report was presented. Dance recitals were held and were a big success.

iii. Marketing and Events Manager

Marketing and Events Manager Susan Zander's report was presented. Questions were asked and answered.

c. Parks Report

Superintendent of Parks Sara Earhart's report was presented. Questions were asked and answered.

d. Financial Reports

Lauterbach & Amen's Financial Assistant Nicole Giddens presented her report. Audit will begin in June or July.

11. Approve Monthly Disbursements

Commissioner Stastny made a motion to approve the monthly disbursements in the amount of \$472,880.59, seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Motion was passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

12. Committee Reports

a. Sustainability

i. Arbor Advocates

April 25 at 12:00 pm there will be an Arbor Day event at Meadowcrest where two trees will be planted.

13. Unfinished Business

a. 2025/2026 Draft Budget and Appropriations Ordinance

Commissioner Ogden made a motion to approve the 2025/2026 Draft Budget and Appropriations Ordinance seconded by Commissioner Sauer. Motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

b. Recreation Center Expansion Update

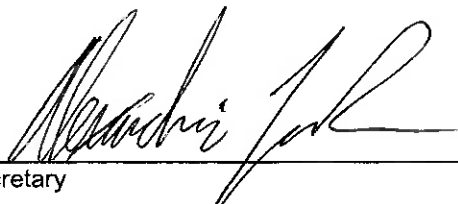
Executive Director Cannaday stated that the architects are getting to a point where the district can anticipate having a public meeting in the coming months.

14. New Business

15. Next Regular Meeting: Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6:30pm

16. Adjournment

President Corte called for the meeting to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Commissioner Stastny made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Zuck. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

  
Secretary

Approved May 12, 2025